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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud citizens of Irving are gathering on April 9,  
2 2011, to celebrate the dedication and grand opening of the West  
3 Irving Library; and

4 WHEREAS, This handsome 25,000-square-foot building is  
5 projected to receive a gold LEED certification from the U.S. Green  
6 Building Council in recognition of its environmentally responsible  
7 design and construction; the library's architecture incorporates  
8 large, north-facing windows to maximize the use of natural light,  
9 while some 1,400 solar panels mounted as part of covered parking  
10 will help the building to generate more energy than it consumes;  
11 moreover, 144 geothermal wells for heating and cooling will save  
12 the city an estimated \$60,000 a year in energy costs; and

13 WHEREAS, The West Irving Library is one of four full-service  
14 libraries described in the city's master plan and the second of the  
15 group to open; in addition to serving the community with an  
16 extensive collection of books, audiobooks, DVDs, music,  
17 newspapers, and magazines, the facility includes a 24-station  
18 computer lab, five interactive SMART boards, Wi-Fi access, and  
19 multi-touch computer tables; and

20 WHEREAS, Advanced in every way, the West Irving Library  
21 serves as an outstanding model of a 21st-century community center,  
22 and this state-of-the-art institution is sure to provide countless  
23 opportunities for learning and entertainment to area residents;  
24 now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the grand opening of the West Irving  
3 Library and congratulate all those involved in bringing the project  
4 to fruition; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the library as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.